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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6448 NOTE PREPARED: Dec 13, 2007

BILL NUMBER: HB 1184 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Scholarships for Teachers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

STATE IMPACT	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		1,000,000	1,000,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill establishes the Call Me Mister Scholarship Program and Fund: (1) to encourage and promote qualified African American male teachers to pursue a career in teaching in accredited schools in Indiana; (2) to enhance the number of individuals who may serve as role models for minority students in Indiana; and (3) to rectify the shortage of African American male teachers teaching in accredited schools in Indiana.

The bill requires the State Student Assistance Commission (SSACI) to administer the fund.

The bill makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill creates the Call Me Mister Scholarship Program encourages African American males to enter the teaching profession. To qualify for a scholarship a student must:

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- 1. Be admitted to or attend an approved institution of higher learning as a full-time student.
- 2. Be an African American male and among the residents of Indiana who reside in an underserved, socioeconomically disadvantaged, or educationally at-risk community.
- 3. Intend to pursue a degree that would enable the student to teach in an accredited Indiana school.
- 4. Agrees in writing to teach for at least 3 of the first 5 years after certification in an accredited Indiana school.
- 5. Meets other minimum criteria established by SSACI.

The scholarship is the lesser of the cost of attending an eligible college or \$1,000. The amount could be increased to the lesser of the cost or \$4,000 if the student demonstrates financial need. A scholarship renewal cannot be granted for an academic year that ends later than 6 years after the initial scholarship is granted.

SSACI would contract with an approved institution of higher learning to administer the program.

This bill appropriates \$1 M annually from the state General Fund for the program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Student Assistance Commission; State Colleges and Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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